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Testimony: S.B. No. 184 *AN ACT EXTENDING THROUGH NOVEMBER 8, 2022, SEVERAL CHANGES REGARDING ELECTION ADMINISTRATION AS A RESULT OF COVID-19 AND CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT*;

H.B. No. 5262 *AN ACT REVISING CERTAIN ABSENTEE VOTING ELIGIBILITY STATUTES*.

Dear Chairmen and Members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee,

The CT Constitution has provisions for absentee voting in regard to 'sickness';

The Connecticut Constitution [states](#):

SEC. 7. The general assembly may provide by law for voting in the choice of any officer to be elected or upon any question to be voted on at an election by qualified voters of the state who are unable to appear at the polling place on the day of election because of absence from the city or town of which they are inhabitants or because of sickness, or physical disability or because the tenets of their religion forbid secular activity.

SEC. 8. The general assembly may provide by law for the admission as electors in absentia of members of the armed forces, the United States merchant marine, members of religious or welfare groups or agencies attached to and serving with the armed forces and civilian employees of the United States, and the spouses and dependents of such persons.

(Sec. 8 amended in 1992. See Art. XXVII of Amendments to the Constitution of the State of Connecticut.)

The Connecticut Constitution election language for absentee voting should stand; the Connecticut Constitution should not be modified for sickness, as it currently reads allows for individuals to determine whether or not they, independently, should obtain an absentee ballot for 'sickness'.

Unfortunately, COVID-19 appears to be a tool in which the Majority Party wants to make changes to our Connecticut Constitution in regard to election eligibility. The People know what has been done to our election processes during COVID-19, and the truth of COVID-19 and issues that occurred during the 2020 and 2021 elections will be revealed.

Regarding absentee ballot application issues: There are at least twelve (12) complaints that have been submitted to the State Elections Enforcement Commission (SEEC) in regard to absentee ballot application issues. I personally have one of them: Our local DTC hired 475Consulting, aka 475 CONSULTING aka LLC 475 Consulting LLC, further considered in this testimony as 475Consulting, which sent Absentee Ballot applications, but sadly the applications were not completed by assistants, as designed. The 475Consulting website has been removed, but [critical information has been collected](#) and submitted in the complaint. A current legislator was the original Principal in 2019 of 475Consulting, and has allegedly stepped down from that position as of 2021.

Additionally, there is the Michael DeFillipo case, Bridgeport, federal indictment in regard to tampering with absentee ballot applications

www.greenwichtime.com/opinion/article/Opinion-Baseless-claims-about-elections-erode-16930009.php, as well as other absentee ballot application issues since the mass mailing by the Secretary of the State in 2020. Extremely messy.

The People require the Legislature to uphold Constitutional law for the integrity of the Connecticut election process.

We the People stand with our CT Constitution, will you? Vote No on these bills.

Sincerely, Anne Manusky, President

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